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PROCESSING OF A  
HYDROCARBON  
CONTAINING  
FORMATION TO  
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POROSITY OF THE  
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On page 38, the paragraph beginning on line 16:

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